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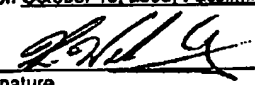
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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 14, 2006

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 14, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 14, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Applicants believe that Terminal Disclaimer fees are due in connection with this response. As such, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ATT/113692CON1, for the Terminal Disclaimer fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, if required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.